

Test

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dat <- data.frame(variable = c(rep("turgor loss point", 10), rep("volume", 10)),
  unit = c(rep("$\\pi_{tlp}$", 10), rep("$cm^3$", 10)),
  value = c(round(runif(10), 2), round(runif(10,20,30),2)))

kableExtra::kable(dat, booktabs = TRUE, format = 'latex', escape=FALSE)
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variable	unit	value
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.49
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.28
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.71
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.74
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.65
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.54
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.57
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.07
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.72
turgor loss point	π_{tlp}	0.52
volume	cm^3	25.83
volume	cm^3	20.29
volume	cm^3	22.80
volume	cm^3	28.84
volume	cm^3	29.82
volume	cm^3	26.86
volume	cm^3	20.75
volume	cm^3	23.69
volume	cm^3	27.09
volume	cm^3	22.15

Printing in the table leaves the raw symbology, but if I want to discuss the use of the volume (cm^3) and the turgor loss point (π_{tlp}) in the text itself, the symbols render without a problem.